



# Beginning Australian Research

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Before beginning Australian research, you will need to be aware of the jurisdictional changes over time, understand the main types of records used for genealogy in Australia, and learn how to access the main databases for Australian records.

## General Links:

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- [Australian Genealogy](#) on the FamilySearch Wiki
- [Territorial evolution of Australia](#) dates and maps
- National Library of Australia [research guide](#) to newspapers
- [Australian collection](#) on Ancestry
- [Australian Convict collection](#) on Ancestry
- [Australia and New Zealand collection](#) on FindMyPast
- Trove [newspapers](#): an extensive newspaper collection for Australia
- Michelle Patient's [DownUnder checklist](#)
- [History of Transportation](#) (convicts)
- [First Fleet database](#) (convicts)

### Main Record Types:

- Church records (state level)
- Civil Registration records (state level)
- Convict records (NSW, Tasmania, WA)
- Newspapers (Trove)
- Electoral Rolls (census substitute)
- ANZAC files (WWI)

## State Archives:

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- Western Australia [BMD search](#).
- South Australia Archive [website](#).
- Libraries Tasmania [guide to family history](#).
- Public Record Office Victoria [guide to family history](#).
- New South Wales State Archives [family history guide](#).
- Queensland [family history links and research service](#).
- Northern Territory [BMD search](#).